

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 6 Birch Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2020



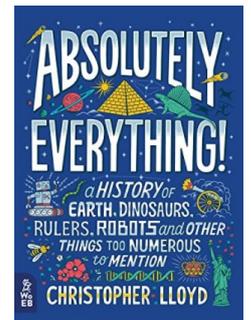
#### Topic

This half term we will be delving into the gory history of the British justice system. We will be going on a time travelling tour through history, starting with the Rotten Romans! We will also explore the justice systems of the Anglo Saxons, Tudors and Victorians and make comparisons between laws and punishments past and present. This unit will develop our chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Through studying this aspect of social history, we will deepen our historical awareness and understanding of how our past and present is constructed and understand that some events, people and changes have been interpreted in different ways.



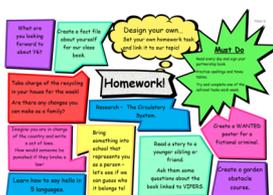
#### Book Recommendation

Discover how history, nature and science connect in this fast-paced, entertaining and incredibly informative history of the world, from the beginning of time to the present day. How was our universe made from a tiny speck of energy? Where did the first trees, plants, animals and humans come from? What happened to the dinosaurs? With photos, illustrations, timelines and maps in every chapter, there is no better way to understand the earth's entire history than with this captivating book.



#### Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always be a reconsolidation of learning that has taken place in school. In addition to this, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.

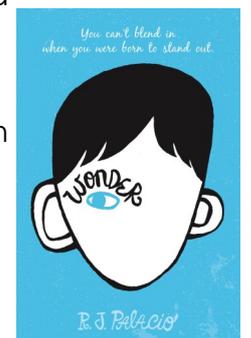


#### English

In English this term, we will be exploring a range of fiction and non fiction genres, whilst reading the novel 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. We will be studying a variety of text types including discussions, recounts and non-chronological reports, in order to support us when we are creating our own versions.

We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling)) skills through the use of Writing LEAPs. We will begin this term by learning how to adapt our writing for different readers by changing sentence length and sentence complexity, as well as using a wide range of clause structures.

In reading, we will be working on our skimming, scanning and text marking skills in order to locate information and evidence within a text, as well as explaining the reasons why a writer has set out/ordered a text in a particular way and explaining the effect this has on us as readers.



## Maths

This term, the children in Year Six will be focusing on number, place value and calculations within maths. As part of our place value unit, the children will be expected to read and write numbers up to 10 million and recognise the place value of digits within a number including decimals. They will also be taught to compare and order numbers involving decimals, round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000 and calculate intervals across zero.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. There is no trick to being able to do these, other than practise, so any support that you can give your child at home to learn these off by heart would be greatly appreciated.

Please also encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.



## Maths Vocabulary

Ten-thousands  
Hundred-thousands  
Millions  
Tenths  
Hundredths  
Decimal place  
Round  
Integer  
Negative number  
Square number  
Prime number  
Ascending/Descending

## Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. Each class will become '**Reading Rocketeers**' aiming to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. Children are encouraged to read at home every day and to make a note in their partnership book every time they read outside of school. After every 20 reads, they will get one step closer to space and will be rewarded with a token which they can 'spend' on prizes and, of course, books!



## Spellings

All children will be given spelling words to learn each **Friday**.

These should be practised at home as often as possible and different words with the same spelling pattern will be tested in school the following **Friday**.

## PE

Our PE day will be a **Tuesday** however your child's PE kit must be in school every day as this can change. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for these days.

### **PE kit consists of:**

Plain white t-shirt  
Black shorts or joggers  
Trainers (outside)  
Plimsolls (inside)

## Diary Dates

15.09.20: Virtual Spelling Session for Parents with Mrs Kay  
23.09.20: French Challenge Day  
25.09.20: Year 6 Parents Evening  
29.09.20: Virtual Calculation Session for Parents with Mrs Randall  
18.10.20: Birch Class Assembly - Virtual Assembly  
02.10.20 Harvest Festival  
13.10.20: Virtual Year 6 SATs Information Session for Parents

I am really looking forward to working with you and your child.

I am sure it is going to be a fantastic year!

*Mrs Randall*